

<b>Title</b>	<b>Lead a group of riders on horses on a ride across undulating country</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare self, horses, and riders for the ride; deliver pre-ride instructions; lead a ride across undulating country while mounted; and attend to post-ride duties.
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Equitation
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.
- 2 The relevant Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) rulebook, which includes approved gear and clothing, is available from the Equestrian Sports New Zealand, PO Box 6146, Wellington, Telephone 04 499 8994; or available at <http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz>.
- 3 For assessment purposes the horse used must be to a standard (temperament, physical ability, and training) and fitness level that enables the outcome as represented by the title to be met.
- 4 *Stable procedures* are the documented practices and polices required within a particular workplace, and do not contravene the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for Welfare of Horses* (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1993), available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/codes/horses/index.htm>.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Prepare self, horses, and riders for the ride.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Rider is attired in ESNZ approved gear and clothing which is appropriate and safe for general riding.

- 1.2 Horses are geared up in saddlery suited to and comfortable for the individual horse, and which enables control by the rider and affords protection to limbs of the horse.
- Range       bridle and bit, saddle and stirrup leather length, martingale, breastplate, leg protection for horse.
- 1.3 Horse are of a standard and fitness level to comfortably complete the ride without endangering the rider or other horses and riders.
- 1.4 Saddlery and equipment used for horses and riders are safe to use, and clean and tidy, and suitable for the intended purpose.

## **Outcome 2**

Deliver pre-ride instructions.

### **Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Riders are instructed on riding position and methods of control in accordance with the individual horse, in a manner which is easily understood.
- 2.2 Details of ride are explained in a manner which enables the riders to gain information on what to expect and what is expected of them on the ride.
- Range       duration of ride, type of country to be covered, hazards to note, horse behaviour details, riding etiquette.
- 2.3 Group safety procedures and etiquette are explained in relation to passing other horses, riding on private land, opening and closing gates, and waiting for slower horses.
- 2.4 Guidelines are provided for situations requiring assistance by leader, in a manner which is easily understood.
- Range       horse misbehaving, horse out of control, rider lacking confidence.

## **Outcome 3**

Lead a ride across undulating country while mounted.

### **Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Ride is led with leader maintaining vigilance of group at all times.
- 3.2 Safety of group is maintained within context of situation and abilities of riders.
- 3.3 Stable protocol is followed before riding and when riding on land other than stable owner's land.
- Range       public reserve, beach, private land, public roads.

## Outcome 4

Attend to post-ride duties.

### Performance criteria

- 4.1 Horses are attended to after the ride in a suitable environment to ensure comfort and to assist recovery in the least stressful manner.
- Range environmental temperature, wind chill, water requirements, shelter.
- 4.2 Riders are de-briefed according to stable procedures.
- Range situations which may have required leader intervention, care of bodies not used to riding, public relations.
- 4.3 Equipment used on horses and riders is cleaned to pre-ride condition and stored in a manner which does not cause deterioration.

**This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.**

### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	22 August 1996	31 December 2023
Revision	2	11 June 1998	31 December 2023
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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0018
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.